

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA
MONROE DIVISION**

STATE OF LOUISIANA et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION et
al.,

Defendants.

No. 24-cv-563

RAPIDES PARISH SCHOOL BOARD,

Plaintiff,

v.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION et
al.,

Defendants.

No. 24-cv-567

DEFENDANTS' UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE EXCESS PAGES

Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 7.8, Defendants respectfully request leave to file a 40 page Consolidated Opposition to the *Louisiana* and *Rapides Parish School Board* Plaintiffs' Motions for a Preliminary Injunction and § 705 Stay. It is Defendants' understanding that the page limit of their Consolidated Opposition is actually 55 pages, the same number of pages that they would have received if they filed separate responses to the *Louisiana* Plaintiffs' and *Rapides Parish School Board* Plaintiffs' Motions. *See* Local Civ. R. 7.8; Order, ECF No. 23 (granting the *Louisiana* Plaintiffs' request for each party to receive five extra pages to their briefs). Because Defendants were able to more efficiently address overlapping issues in their Consolidated Opposition, they

needed only 40 pages. But because the Local Rules technically state that response briefs are limited to 25 pages, in an abundance of caution, Defendants request an extension to 40 pages.

Counsel for all Plaintiffs have indicated that their clients do not oppose this request.

Dated: June 4, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF CONFERENCE

Pursuant to Rule 7.4.1 of the Local Civil Rules, I certify that I conferred with counsel for Plaintiffs in this matter to resolve the relevant issues. Counsel stated that they do not oppose this request.

Dated: June 4, 2024

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